

Panel Meetings

IMPORTANT DECISIONS/SUGGESTIONS OF VARIOUS PANELS

Instruments - All Types Panel

- (1) This Panel strongly recommended that EEPC India should consider participation in one of the focus events relevant to the Instruments panel from the following fairs besides repeating participation in MEDICA 2012:

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| a. Arab Health, Dubai | - 23.01-26.01.2012 |
| b. FIME, Florida, USA
(Florida International Medical Expo) | - 10.08-12.08.2011 |
| c. AACRT, Malaysia
(Asia-Australasia Conference of Radiographers and Radiological Technologies) | - 13.08-16.08.2011 |
| d. ECR, Vienna, Europe.
(European Congress of Radiology) | - 03.03-07.03.2012 |

- (2) Concerns of Orthopedic Implant's manufacturer and exporters

Orthopedic Implant's manufacturers and exporters are covered under Drug License Act in India and it was requested to bring it under the Free Sales List. In spite of repeated representations to MOC, the matter still stands unresolved. It is strongly suggested that the matter should be taken up by the EEPC India office with the senior most authorities in the MOC to get their advice and further plan of action in the matter.

Ferrous Industrial Castings Meeting held on 23.11.2010

- (1) The members suggested that the monthly export return format by EEPC INDIA should include one more column asking for brief description of items. It is important to collect data from different ports to understand how much is being exported from each region.
- (2) **VAT :** The members discussed that for most of them their refund claims are being delayed for too long. They felt that the centre should intervene and speed up the refund process, since all other States across the country are getting their refunds in time.

Sanitary Castings Panel Meeting held on 28.01.2011

- (1) **VAT :** The members discussed that Shri. H.K. Dwivedi, IAS, Commissioner, Directorate of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal should be approached with the data regarding total pending VAT refund Claims.
- (2) **Discussion on Floor Prices for USA**
Considering the current economic situation, the members decided that the minimum export price for USA to be increased by 3 cents in the Public Works Castings and to increase by 3 cents in the Non Public Works Castings. The Floor price for C.I. Sanitary Casting for Export to USA from India wef February 7, 2011 were :
39.0 cents per lb. FOB (Public Works Castings)
42.0 cents per lb. FOB (Non-Public Works Castings)
- (3) **Discussion regarding Floor Prices for Middle East**
The minimum price for Middle East and Gulf countries (except Saudi Arabia) was raised by USD 85, which made the minimum price USD 860.00 FOB Net per MT Indian Ports, effective February 7, 2011

Project Exports Panel Meeting held on 10.02.2011

- (1) **Suggestions for the amendments to the foreign trade policy for the year 2011-12:**
The discussion included issues like Interest Rate Subvention be extended to the Engineering Sector, EPCG Scheme, Deemed Exports, Status Holders Scheme, Focus Product Scheme, DEPB Scheme, Focus Market Scheme etc.

Ferro Alloys Panel Meeting held on March 4, 2011**(1) To discuss and formulate export strategy for the coming 3 years**

The members discussed that it would be difficult to predict for the coming three years since the industry is very cyclical.

(2) Amendments in the Reward/Incentive Schemes of Chapter 3 of FTP 2009-14:- Appendix 37A and Appendix 37D of Handbook of Procedure Vol. 1

While discussing the benefits received under the Focus Product Scheme , the members felt that Ferro Silicon and Ferromolybdenum should also be included in the focus Product category.

(3) Interest Rate Subvention be extended to the Engineering Sector

The members discussed that the Ministry should be requested to continue the Interest Rate Subvention and other HS codes under the Ferro alloys sector should also be included under the scheme.

(4) Customs:

The members informed that inspite of submitting shipping bills on time the customs were being unable to generate the EP copies within the stipulated period. This has increased since the upgradation of the software at the Customs house. As result their DEPB payment is being delayed. The Convenor, suggested that the EEPC India Secretariat, should take up the issue with Mr. M S Badhan, Chief Commissioner of Customs and discuss the matter.

(5) Pilferage:

The members discussed that currently this issue has been resulting in a lot of problem for them. The members felt that the Home Secretary of the State too should intervene and stop such thefts.

(6) To discuss Policy Support from the Government

- **Raw Materials issues:** The members discussed that different states have different tariff and duty on power. The felt that for exports purposes, this duty should be refunded. To this, some members felt that exemption or reduction in duty would imply reduction in the DEPB rate.
- **VAT :** The members discussed that that while Form H, is available on line, the Form 12A which is issued by the State, is not available on line, should be made online.